



"Responding to Salvation Grace" (Part 4)

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1 Peter 1:15



13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, with sober-mindedness, set your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. **15** But like the holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; **16** because it is written: "You shall be holy, for I Am Holy." **17** And if you call upon the Father as the One who judges with impartiality according to each one's work, conduct yourselves with fear during your time of exile, **18** knowing that you have been redeemed

from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things like silver and gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like an unblemished and spotless lamb. **20** He was foreknown from before the foundation of the world, but He has appeared in these last times for your sake, **21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

– 1 Peter 1:13-21, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

"Responding to salvation grace results in the pleasure of hope and the pursuit of holiness."

I. Our Response to the Glory of our Salvation (13-21)

- A. We are to Fix our Hope on Future Grace (13)
- B. We are to Forsake our Former Passions (14)
- C. We are to Pursue Holiness (vv. 15-16)
 - 1. The Pursuit of Holiness (v. 15)

Last Week's Sub-Points:

- a. The Standard: A Holy God
- b. What is the "call" of God ("the Holy One who called you")?

c. What does it mean for us to be holy? A balanced approach to holiness

(1) It starts with taking Sin seriously

(a) Whatever happened to sin? (The psychologization of sin)

(b) Before sin ever leads us to holiness, it must first lead us to Christ (the example of Martin Luther)

(2) We need to understand what Christ has done for us

(a) Knowing Our Union with Christ

(b) Knowing our Positional Holiness

(c) Knowing the difference between Christ's active and passive obedience for us

i. Christ's Passive Obedience (Christ suffered and died for us)

ii. Christ's Active Obedience (Christ lived for us)

Conclusion